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to Mr. Muir -*

August 3<sup>rd</sup>

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IN THE MATTERS OF THE STORAGE AND UTILIZATION OF WATERS OF THE CHERRY-  
ELEANOR BRANCH OF THE TUOLUMNE RIVER, CALIFORNIA, BY THE SIERRA DITCH  
AND WATER COMPANY

The Honorable James R. Garfield,  
Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The undersigned is the Chief Engineer and Manager of the Sierra Ditch and Water Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of California, for the purpose of storing, distributing and selling waters for irrigation and other public purposes.

This company has certain reservoir claims and rights within the watershed of the Cherry-Eleanor Fork of the Tuolumne River; applications for the approval of the maps representing rights-of-way for which are now within the Department of the Interior awaiting your action.

The undersigned is duly authorized to speak for and represent the Sierra Ditch and Water Company in the matter whereof this communication treats. I respectfully call your attention to the enclosed copies of communications of the 3rd inst. from myself to the Directors of the Turlock and the Modesto Irrigation Districts, Stanislaus County, California, relative to the utilization of flood waters to be stored by us in the reservoirs for which we have applications on file as above/

You will note that we offer to supply the said irrigation

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districts with reservoired waters, upon such advantageous terms to them as we will be able to formulate when we are, by your approval of our maps, put in a position so to do. Insofar as the claims and rights of the Sierra Ditch and Water Company are concerned, you will find, when you take this matter up for consideration, that they are as perfect as the laws of California and of the Congress, and a full and faithful compliance therewith, can make them, and our offer to supply the irrigation districts with reservoired waters is merely a step in the carrying out of a business policy which we have entertained from the inception of our enterprise.

Very respectfully yours,

Signed

William Hall,

Ch. Supv. S. D. W. Co.